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4. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 wherein an exothermic blowing agent is present.

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5. (Amended) Process according to claim 3 wherein the endothermic blowing agent comprises bicarbonates or citrates.

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6. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 wherein the exothermic blowing agent comprises azodicarbonamide type compounds.

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7. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 which is carried out by injection molding.

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8. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 which is carried out in a pressurized mold.

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9. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 wherein the starting thermoplastic polyurethane is made by using a difunctional isocyanate composition comprising an aromatic difunctional isocyanate.

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12. (Amended) Process according to claim 9 wherein the difunctional polyhydroxy compound comprises a polyoxyalkylene diol or polyester diol.

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15. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 wherein the amount of microspheres is

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between 0.5 and 4.0 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of thermoplastic polyurethane.

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17. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 wherein the amount of blowing agent is between 0.5 and 4.0 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of thermoplastic polyurethane.

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19. (Amended) Foamed thermoplastic polyurethane obtained by reacting a difunctional isocyanate composition with at least one difunctional polyhydroxy compound, in the presence of thermally expandable microspheres containing hydrocarbon, and in the presence of an additional blowing agent, said polyurethane having a density of not more than 700 kg/m³.

Please add the following new claims:

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22. (New) Foamed thermoplastic polyurethane obtained by the process as defined in claim 1 said polyurethane being used in footwear or integral skin applications.

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23. (New) Customized foamed thermoplastic polyurethane obtained by the process as defined by claim 1 wherein said polyurethane is formed into any article made with thermoplastic resins including interior and exterior parts of automobiles, housings of electric devices, packaging materials, leisure goods, sporting goods and toys.